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THE
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HONGKONG, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1881.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor, prior to his departure for Peking, thought fit to exercise his prerogative of mercy in a few special cases referring to certain prisoners in Victoria Gaol, whose release was ordered, although their terms of imprisonment, according to the sentences imposed by the judges, had not expired. We feel convinced that there are few residents in Hongkong so completely lost to all sense of common humanity, so dead to that feeling of pity which true hearts instinctively feel towards our erring brethren, and so thoroughly bigotted and prejudiced against Sir John Hennessy, as to blame His Excellency for exercising that virtue of which it is said:—

"It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blessed;
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes;
'Tis mightiest in the might; 't is becomes
The throne of monarch better than his crown."

Our evening contemporary, the *China Mail*, the special organ of the missionaries, apparently knows nothing, and cares still less for the "quality of mercy." On the 16th instant, having no other opportunity available of "going for" our absent Governor, the evening print eagerly seizes hold of His Excellency's action in ordering the release of four or five prisoners whose sentences had not expired, and endeavours to show to the public that such leniency was not merely misplaced and uncalled for, but was highly reprehensible from other points of view. We desire to deal with the utmost fairness towards our contemporary in discussing this business, which involves questions of great public importance, so think it better to quote the charge the *Mail* makes against the Governor, leaving our readers to form their own conclusions after noting our arguments and statement of facts, if such accusations can be justified:—

The Governor, before leaving for Peking, ordered the release of four or five prisoners; for the pardon of two or three of those there would seem to be little or any reason. Of course, there can be no doubt that, to use the Colonial Office phrase, everything seems to have been "quite regular." There can be no denial of the fact that His Excellency is a law unto himself in this matter, and is responsible to no one for whatever capricious leniency

he may exercise; but it does strike an ordinary mind that the Criminal Law of the Colony should not be brought into contempt by such fantastic tricks, and that the sentences of the Supreme Court should not be reduced from a grave reality to the prisoners and a terror to evil-doers in general, to the level of a miserable farce to these sentenced, and a laughing-stock to all sensible men. That our readers may judge of the cases themselves, we give the prisoner's names.

We will take the prisoners and their offences in the same order as they are taken by our contemporary, and we hope to prove to the satisfaction of our readers and the public generally that His Excellency's clemency towards the whole of the men released was in every instance more than justified, and that the *China Mail's* charges are frivolous and contemptible.

On the 19th February 1880, W. Donnelly and J. Dougherty, privates in the Inniskillings, were convicted at the Criminal Sessions, before the Acting Puisne Judge (Mr J. J. Francis) of having stolen with violence a ten dollar note from a Chinaman named Ma Mun. On the evidence produced there could be no doubt that the two soldiers had knocked the Chinaman down, and robbed him of the above named sum, and they were accordingly found guilty, and although, with no previous conviction recorded against them, sentenced to seven years (the *China Mail* says ten years) penal servitude. Now, with all due respect to Mr. Francis, who proved himself pre-eminently qualified to occupy a seat on the bench by his practical judgments in most of the cases which came before him, we cannot refrain from expressing our opinion that seven years penal servitude for such an offence was simply monstrous under the circumstances. We have searched through records of criminal proceedings at the Old Bailey, and other courts at home, extending over many years, but such a sentence for a crime of this character has never been recorded in modern times. Well might Sir John Smale advise Mr. Francis that such a sentence for a first offence was not warranted by the practice of the courts here, or in England, and after such advice the Acting Judge had no alternative but to officially recommend to the Governor a remission of a portion of each sentence, conditional upon the good conduct of the men in prison. The men, it appears, have conducted themselves while in gaol in a most exemplary fashion, so His Excellency, acting on the Judge's recommendation, released them after they had served about 18 months. Privates Donnelly and Dougherty are without doubt a brace of precious blackguards, who disgrace the regiment and the profession they belong to, so that it is no feeling of sympathy with such scamps which induces us to say a word in their favor. As a matter of justice, however, we put it plainly to the community whether these two men, whose offences merited at the outside twelve months hard labour, should have been permitted to languish for seven long years in Victoria Gaol to please the *China Mail*, and because Mr. J. J. Francis made a conscientious but most egregious mistake! We think the Governor's act in releasing these men will commend itself to all lovers of justice and fair play.

The second case quoted by the *China Mail* demands, after the letter from Mr. Francis on the subject (vide the *Mail* of the 21st) but a few words. Three Chinamen were convicted on Feb. 20th, 1880, of robbery with violence, in so far, as they entered a house at West Point, armed with knives, seized a woman who resided there, forcibly held her by the throat, and ransacked the place of \$50 in money, and all her valuables. The first prisoner was found guilty unanimously, the second and third by a majority of 4 to 3, and the whole three were sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. H.E. the Governor recently released the second and third prisoners. Now in

the first place, admitting that the crime was a serious one, it must be patent to everyone who reads criminal proceedings in home papers, that seven years' penal servitude, was an extraordinarily severe sentence, one in fact that we can see no possible justification for. In the second place, Mr. Francis, who tried the case, publicly states that he did not approve of the verdict of the jury so far as the second and third prisoners were concerned, and that he afterwards upon considering the whole case, came to the conclusion that the men had been unjustly convicted, reported the matter to the Governor, and strongly urged that the men should be at once pardoned. With Mr. Francis, we consider that these men have good cause for complaint at the somewhat tardy recognition of their innocence by the Governor, and we are disposed in this case to think that His Excellency deserves censure for so long neglecting such a recommendation as that sent in by the Judge who tried the case. We submit, however, that the following observations of the *China Mail* on the subject are senseless and altogether irrelevant:—

The second case of the Governor's leniency is not so bad as the first, but it shows a fatal eagerness to believe the stories told by the prisoners as against the evidence on which they are convicted, and to admit, than which nothing is more thoroughly opposed to the whole spirit of our criminal law, nothing more contrary to common sense, than the principle that a man who is found guilty by the majority of a jury is not to be allowed to suffer the imprisonment he has been sentenced to as fully as the man who is found guilty unanimously by the jurors who try him.

In the third case quoted, our contemporary actually does admit that a great wrong inflicted in the name of "Justice" has been righted by the interposition of Governor Hennessy. The case of Peter Hardy, a young soldier who was convicted for committing an offence which cannot be named, and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, by Chief Justice Sir John Smale, must still be fresh in the memory of our readers on account of the severity, justifiable severity be it understood, of the learned judge in adding two years to the prisoner's sentence for accusing one of the witnesses with having perjured himself as he was leaving the dock. We did not approve of Sir John Smale's severity, although we must certainly say, and we were in court during the proceedings, that the prisoner conducted himself in a most unbecoming manner, and deliberately told one of the witnesses that the next time he came there as a witness he hoped he would speak the truth. Making every allowance for the prisoner, we gravely doubt whether he did not get off much easier than his offence warranted. However, he has been released by the Governor's order, and he may consider himself an exceedingly fortunate man.

The main letter of Mr. Francis to the *China Mail* is deserving of commendation for the evident desire of the writer to accept the whole responsibility of the acts which our contemporary thought fit to censure. We have waited for three days thinking that, after it had been plainly demonstrated that the accusations against the Governor were proved to be unwarranted, the *Mail*, like a straightforward, honest journal, would have withdrawn the charges, and acknowledged their error, but we have waited in vain. The subject was nevertheless of too important a character to be permitted to pass by unnoticed, and in bringing it before our readers we leave them to decide who is in the right.

One of the guests recently at a party addressing the gentleman next to him, said, "This is awfully dull; suppose we retire and get something to exhilarate us?" "I should only be too glad," was the reply, "but I can't leave." "How is that?" asked the interlocutor. "Why," said the other, "You see I'm the party that's giving the party."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 6.12 yesterday evening.

The Russian ironclad *Minin* arrived at Malta on August 14th from the China Station, on her way to Cronstadt. —*L. & C. Express.*

We are informed by the Superintendent of the P and O. Company that the steamship *Khiva*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning at ten o'clock.

The appointments of Lieut. Cortland H. Simpson, additional, to the *Flying Fish*, and of Surgeon J. A. MacMann, M.D., and Engineer W. B. Rock, to the *Victor Emmanuel*, additional, appear in a recent number of the *Gazette*.

We note from the *Overland Mail* that Capt. H. S. Tinnard, of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, has been appointed Aide-de-camp to the Governor of the Straits Settlements, the appointment to date from October 1st, 1881.

We are glad to hear that a rowing match has been arranged to take place next month between Edward Hanlan, of Toronto, champion of the world, and Wallace Ross, of New Brunswick, for a stake of \$2,000. The race will probably be rowed at Toronto.

The two new Chinese cruisers have left Plymouth on their voyage to China, having departed from that port on the 17th instant, where they had been commented on very favourably. They propose to proceed direct to Port Said, coal either there or at Suez, and if possible from there direct to Singapore. —*London and China Express.*

According to the last official census of the population of the Republic of Venezuela, there are no less than 32,222 generals in the country, some on active service, others in the reserve. The present President, General Guzman Blanco, has created 8,000 generals during his term of office. The generals outnumber the soldiers in the army of Venezuela.

A company of acrobats styled Hayes's Star London Troupe gave the first of a series of three performances in the City Hall last night, to a fairly numerous audience. The performers, most of whom are juveniles, gave much satisfaction to the audience, and we heartily applauded for the skill displayed in their various feats. The entertainment is deserving of public patronage.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Field Marshal, Commanding-in-Chief, has issued a General Order to the Army stating that in consequence of the altered formation of attack, and the extended range of fire, regimental colors are not to be taken with battalions on active service. In the case of a regiment going abroad for ordinary relief the colors will be taken, and no change on the present system will be made, except on active service.

A correspondent, writing to a London contemporary upon a reported difficulty between England and China on the opium question, says:—"It appears that a draft of a treaty was lately drawn up between the Chinese Government and Sir Thomas Wade according to which China agreed to open three more ports to foreign commerce, provided she were allowed to levy any duties she pleased on imported opium. The treaty was sent to England for approval, and the Chinese Government, in the belief that there would be no difficulty in the matter, opened the ports in question at once. The English Government, however, refuses to enter into such an arrangement; and the Chinese Government will therefore very probably close the ports again. I have been told that England may, if she has not already done so, object to the ports being closed, as the Chinese had no right to take it for granted that the English Government would agree to the conditions. How the controversy will end I cannot say; but this much I may venture upon: that the opium trade is, in my opinion, doomed, and the sooner the British public realises that fact the better it will be for India. China will before very long demand a revision of the treaty; and, unless England is prepared to go to war with her, imported opium will be so heavily taxed as to exclude it altogether from China."

The Band of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers played in the Public Gardens last evening under the leadership of the bandmaster, Mr. E. Wallace. A good many residents were present, and appeared to appreciate a very attractive programme, which was rendered in a very efficient manner.

We are informed, by an eye-witness of the occurrence, of a gross case of furious riding which occurred in the Queen's-road East, last evening, when a mafao rode over a woman at a hand-gallop, doing her such serious injuries that she had to be removed to the hospital. The gentleman who wrote to us of this case says he has frequently seen the same man riding in the neighbourhood at a furious rate. We recommend the police to look out for the hard riding mafao.

We hear of a good many shooting parties having been organised for a trip up to Deep Bay this afternoon. It has for a long time been a matter of surprise to us that the excellent shooting grounds in the vicinity of Macao have not been better patronised by Hongkong sportsmen. It is far easier to get to Macao than it is to Deep Bay, and there is no comparison between the two places so far as the quality of the sport is concerned. We speak from experience.

In the House of Commons on August 23rd Mr. A. Pease asked whether Her Majesty's Government had information concerning the statement of the *London and China Telegraph* of the 8th inst., that the Chinese Government had decided to increase the tax on foreign opium and to levy a tax on native opium; and whether Her Majesty's Government considered that the Chinese Government was free to levy what duties it pleased upon opium imported and native.—Sir C. Dilke: Her Majesty's Government have received information that an increase of inland tax on opium is under the consideration of the Chinese Government, but not that such increase has been decided upon. They have no information as to a tax on native opium. The Chinese Government are to levy what duties they please on native opium. Foreign opium, after it has left the importer's hands and is carried inland by the Chinese purchaser, is liable to such a taxation as the Chinese Government may think fit to impose upon it.—(Hear, hear.)

THE SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

A meeting of subscribers to the Subscription Griffin movement for the Hongkong Race Meeting of 1882 was held at the offices of Messrs. Russell & Co., yesterday afternoon. The following gentlemen were present:—Messrs. De Courcy Forbes, C. P. Chater, H. Hoppius, A. Coxon, W. Reiners, F. D. Sassoon, H. J. H. Tripp, D. McCulloch, R. Fraser-Smith, J. Grant, W. M. Morgan, and J. T. Chater. It was explained to the meeting that thirty-eight ponies had been subscribed for, and out of that number, according to advices lately received, thirty two had already been purchased at the auctions in Shanghai, and were now waiting instructions. The remaining half dozen to make up the mob, would probably be purchased before our letter could reach Shanghai. The question now to be decided was whether the ponies were to be kept in Shanghai for another couple of months, or be shipped to Hongkong at an earlier date. After some slight discussion on this point, the majority of subscribers strongly favoring the idea of having the griffins sent down here without delay, although two or three expressed their opinions that it would be advisable to allow them to remain in the north until the weather became colder, it was unanimously resolved that instructions be sent to the agents in Shanghai to make arrangements for having the ponies transferred to Hongkong about the middle of October. After a few touching observations, from the veteran sportsman, Mr. W. M. Morgan, on the delights of Shanghai racecourse, by moonlight, in the course of which a high tribute was paid to the skill and ability which the racing men of the Model Settlement display in bringing off successfully their midnight trials, Mr. Forbes was thanked for presiding, success to the griffin races was duly honoured in iced champagne, and the proceedings terminated.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Company's steamer *Iraouaddy*, with the French mails of the 21st ultimo, arrived in the harbour yesterday afternoon. We take the following telegrams from the *Straits Times* Extra:—

London, 31st August.—The Speaker of the House of Commons has been appointed Knight Grand Cross of the Bath.

Advices from the Cape state that the Union Steamship Company's steamer *Touton* has been wrecked off Quoin Point, Algoa Bay. 200 souls were on board, of whom only 27 were saved.

Tunis, 31st August.—The French troops have occupied Kammamet. The situation is alarming; the Arabs are everywhere threatening.

Rome, 31st August.—Germany's relations with the Vatican are becoming more friendly. The German Government has recognised the new Bishop of Treves.

Constantinople, 31st August.—The Sultan has dismissed Mutassarif of Bayazid for gross corruption.

Rebellion in Albania is reviving. Dervish Pasha has urgently applied for reinforcements.

Berlin, 1st Sept.—Negotiations have been resumed between Germany and the Vatican.

The German Minister of the Interior has ordered the vigorous suppression of the anti-Jewish agitation.

Sir George Elliott, the Conservative candidate, has been elected member for North Durham by a large majority, in room of the deceased Liberal member, Lieutenant-Colonel Joicey.

A verdict of acquittal is the result of the enquiry into the loss of the *Doterel*. The primary cause is believed to have been the explosion of gas in the coal bunkers.

London, 4th Sept.—A serious riot has occurred in Limerick, in which the police fired on the rioters, wounding fifteen.

St. Petersburg, 5th Sept.—The Emperor of Russia will shortly meet the Emperor of Germany.

London, 6th Sept.—The *Morning Post* publishes a paragraph stating that M. Roustan has informed the French Government that the Bay of Tunis, in pursuance of orders from the Sultan, is supporting and inciting rebellion, and that the deposition of the Bay and the occupation of Tunis by the French are absolutely necessary.

Doctor Birdwood of the Indian Museum has been knighted.

Tunis, 1st September.—Liter particulars respecting the occupation of Kammamet by the French state that the French were first defeated by the Arabs when marching on that place: the French, however, subsequently twice repulsed the Arabs, inflicting a loss of 1,000 in killed, and ultimately occupied the town without further opposition. Strong reinforcements for Tunis are being embarked at Chulon (Toulon) and Marseilles.

London, 2nd September.—Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy, of the Bengal Staff Corps, was drowned yesterday whilst boating at Etonbridge.

Mr. Lowther, Conservative candidate, has been elected member for Lincolnshire by a large majority, in place of Mr. R. Laycock, Liberal member, deceased.

London, 3rd September.—Sir Louis Mallet has been sent on a mission to Constantinople to ask the Porte to dispatch troops and a fleet to Alexandria in the event of an outbreak amongst the Egyptian army. In consequence the agitation amongst the troops is subsiding.

The paragraph published by the *Morning Post* to-day respecting the Bay of Tunis and the French Government has been semi-officially denied in Paris.

Latest advices from Arizona show that the first accounts of the disaster to General Carr's detachment were much exaggerated. It is now stated that General Carr is not dead and he is expected back into quarters with the bulk of his force, only eleven of whom are as yet known to have been killed.

Berlin, 6th September.—The meeting between the Czar and the Emperor of Germany will take place on board the Russian imperial yacht at Dantzic, next Friday.

Sir Charles Dilke, who is now in Paris, has conferred with M. Tirard, the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, and it is believed that the sub-

ject of their conference was in connection with the negotiations for a new treaty of commerce.

London, 7th September.—Advices from Ireland state that numerous collisions continually take place between the police and the people. The police are accused of brutal conduct during the late serious riots in Limerick and public enquiry into their conduct is demanded.

The Board of Trade returns state that the imports for the past month amount to £32,687,500, showing an increase of £1,687,500 compared with last year. The exports amount to £21,187,500, showing an increase of £2,062,500 compared with last year.

Mr. Chitty, Queen's Counsel, has been appointed a Judge.

Paris, 7th September.—M. Tirard, Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, speaking at Honfleur, expressed hopes that France would conclude commercial treaties with most of the European states.

M. Gambetta has made a speech in favour of free trade.

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Saturday, September 24th, 1881.
One o'clock P.M.

It would appear as if our article in yesterday's *Telegraph* on the new Sugar Refinery, shortly to be established under Chinese auspices, had to some extent affected the status of the stock of the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, in the Share Market. Yesterday sugars were in good demand at 162 per share, with buyers; to-day there are plenty of shares on offer at that price without finding purchasers, and we question if a lower rate would lead to much business. We have to record a few sales of Banks, small lots, at 11 per cent. premium, for cash, and the stock is fairly firm at the price. Hongkong Fires have also been made the medium of good business, about a score of shares having changed hands at the old quotation, 980 per share. Docks are still weaker, and offers to sell at 43 have hitherto failed to lead to business. We think that shares could be procured without much difficulty at a point or two lower than even that quotation, as a lot of shares have lately been thrown on the market. Holders can, however, console themselves with the knowledge that nearly all the old contracts have been worked off, and that the Company has a vast amount of remunerative work on hand at the present time. Steamboats are not quite so firm to-day, as a few lots could be procured at 25 per share premium; still the stock holds a very satisfactory position in the market, and we should imagine that the shares will be quoted at a better rate before long. Nothing has been done in Hotels since we last wrote, and no other business has transpired worthy of special notice.

Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—111 per cent. premium, Buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,675 per share ex dividend.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,600 per share.
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 830 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company, —\$300 per share, Buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$980 per share, Sales.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$290 per share, Sellers.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—43% premium, Sellers.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's Shares—\$25 per share premium.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$85 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$112 per share, Buyers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$162 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—3 per cent premium.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$127½ per share, Sellers.

Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$50 per share.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—1½% premium, Ex Int.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—3½% premium.

Exchange.

On LONDON,—
Bank Bills, T.T., 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/8½
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 3/9½
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/9½
On PARIS,—
Bank Bills, on demand, 4.65
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 4.77
On BOMBAY,—
Bank, T.T., 223
On CALCUTTA,—
Bank, T.T., 223
On SHANGHAI,—
Bank, T.T., 72½
Private, 30 days' sight, 73½

Hongkong Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register, Queen's-road).

HONGKONG, 23rd & 24th Sept. 1881.
BAROMETER—1 P.M. 29.928
Do. 4 P.M. 29.890
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. 86.
Do. 4 P.M. 86.
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 79.
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 81.
BAROMETER—2 A.M. 29.946
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 83.
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 78.
Do. Maximum 86.
Do. Minimum (over night) 79.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 23, *Iraouaddy*, French steamer, 3,947, Didier, Marseilles 21st August, Naples 23rd, Port Said 27th, Suez 28th, Aden 2nd Sept, Galle 14th, Singapore 17th, and Saigon 20th, Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes & Co.
Sept. 24, *Hesperia*, German steamer, 1,136, G. Petersen, Foochow 22nd Sept., Tea.—Siemssen & Co.
Sept. 23, *Albay*, British steamer, 366, H. Lightwood, Tamsui 17th Sept., Taiwanfoo 20th, Amoy 21st, and Swatow 22nd, General.—Douglas Lipraik & Co.
Sept. 24, *Cheong Hock Kian*, British steamer, 986, F. Webb, Singapore 18th Sept., General.—Bun Hin & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 23, *Hermes*, German bark, for Newchwang.
Sept. 23, *Lota*, German bark, for Newchwang.
Sept. 23, *Chen-to*, Chinese gunboat, for a cruise.
Sept. 23, *Fu-yew*, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Sept. 23, *Consolation*, British steamer, for Bangkok.
Sept. 24, *Prinz Friedrich Carl*, German steamer, for Batavia.
Sept. 24, *Gustav & Marie*, German bark, for Toulon.
Sept. 24, *Francisca*, German bark, for Newchwang.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Cheong Hock Kian*, British str., from Singapore, 497 Chinese.
Per *Albay*, British steamer, from Taiwanfoo, &c., one European deck, and 88 Chinese.
Per *Iraouaddy*, French steamer, from Hongkong.—From Marseilles Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Messrs. Davidson, and Brier; from Singapore, Miss Amelia, and Mr. Pipai; from Saigon, Messrs. Opan, Renaud, and 67 Chinese.
For Shanghai.—From Marseilles, Messrs. Walter Krey, Lispit Chang, Samuel Paul, Tsong, Whitewright, Miss Sawyerby, Miss Lees, Miss Sawyerby, Messrs. Wang, Petz, Law, Woo Lithung, and Mme. Amelia Amidor; from Naples, Mr. Z. Volpocelli. For Yokohama.—From Marseilles, General Sir G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Minami, Messrs. Yendo, Urin, Konro, Karra, Kawasaki, Y. Yeghi, Ono Massakite, and Kozima; from Naples, Messrs. A. Moretti and B. Gualini.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Hesperia*, reports fine weather and moderate N.E. winds to Lammock Islands, thence to port light W.S.W. wind and clear weather.

The British steamer *Cheong Hock Kian*, from Singapore, reports experienced light W.S.W. winds until the 22nd September, from thence light N.N.E. winds and fine weather throughout the voyage.

The British steamer *Albay*, Captain Lightwood, from Tamsui, &c., reports:—Left Tamsui 17th inst. at 5.30 p.m., arrived at Taiwanfoo at 6.20 a.m. on the 19th, and had light S.W. and W.S.W. winds. Left Taiwanfoo at 11 a.m. 20th, arrived at Amoy 10 a.m. the following day; had fine weather with light N.E. winds. Left Amoy same day at 5.40 p.m. arriving in Swatow at 11.15 a.m. of the 22nd; had light N.E. winds and fine weather. Left Swatow same day at 4.30 p.m., and arrived at Hongkong at 7 p.m. yesterday; had fine weather with light N.E. winds to Breaker Point, thence to port light variable winds. Steamers in Swatow, *Thales*, *Malborough*, and *Foochow*.

MAILS.

The following mails will close:—

To-day, 24th September,—

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, per *Namoa*, at 5 p.m. For Hoi-how, Haiphong and Pukhoi, per *Tainan*, at 5 p.m.

On Monday, 26th October,—

For Amoy, per *Esmeralda*, at 11.30 a.m. For Bangkok, per *Prinz Heinrich*, at 5 p.m.

On Friday, 30th September,—

For Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., per *Belgie*, at 2.30 p.m. For Kobe and Yokohama, per *Taka-sago Maru*, at 5 p.m.

On Monday, 3rd October,—

For the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, and Mauritius, per *Mirzapore*; printed matter at 2 p.m., letters at 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, 5th October,—

For Nagasaki and Yokohama, per *Malacca*, at 11.30 a.m.

On Thursday, 6th October,—

For the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondichery, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, per *Peiho*, for printed matter at 10 a.m., and letters at 11 a.m.

The *Sin-pao* says that a correspondent writes them that the pirate Kwang-king-man, of whom we wrote last night, is continually adding to the strength of his followers, and that he has now associated with him some of the bravest desperadoes of the districts adjacent to Ningpo. The robbers' "nest," Tong-tseu-shan, has been considerably strengthened of late, and the pirate king is reported to be drilling and equipping his men with great care and expedition. The districts of Wenchow-fu, Tientai and Finghi are reported to be suffering severely by the daily raids of these pirates. The government have already sent against the pirates some small bodies of troops, who were defeated. Recently a larger demonstration was made against them—two or two regiments being detached to destroy the band. By the latest news, we hear that they have been completely defeated, and that pirates remain masters of the situation. The stronghold at Tong-tseu-shan is reported to be almost impregnable, as it is approached only by a narrow pass in the mountain which is easily defended. The consternation which the raids of Kwang-king-man have caused can be judged by the precautions which the Ningpo authorities have adopted. A proclamation has been issued ordering a domiciliary search in each house of the City, for the object of arresting any person on whom suspicion rests as a spy in the employ of the Pirate King.

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